

## WATKINS OF CLIFTON CAMPVILLE, STAFFS

ARMS: NOT KNOWN

CREST:

### **Charles Watkins of Aynho, Northants Esquire c1665-**

m (by licence) 24 Jan 1695 Westminster St Margaret: Ann Pye dau of Sir John Pye of Hone, Derbys 1st Baronet c1620-c1697  
chn: Richard Watkins b c1702; (aged 18) 1720 below

### **Richard Watkins (Rector of Clifton Campville, Staffs) c1702-1776**

m 7 May 1741 Bayton: Ann dau of John Meysey of Shakenhurst in Bayton, Worcs .....  
1730; b 1709; d 11 Aug 1771  
d 1776; Will (PCC) 29 Jan 1777  
(aged 18, matriculated at Wadham, Oxford) 4 Apr 1720  
(B.A.) 1723  
(M.A.) 1726  
(ordained deacon by Bristol) 23 Jun 1728  
(ordained priest by Oxford) 4 Jun 1732  
(Rector, **Clifton Campville**, Staffs) 18 May 1739  
- (presented by his cousins Rebecca Pye, Philippa Pye and Mary Pye)  
- (subscribed on appointment) 18 May 1739  
[FOSTER] [SHAW I 398]  
chn: Charles Watkins [1] b 20 Mar 1741.2; c 24 Mar 1741.2 Clifton Campville below  
Richard Watkins [2] b 14 May 1744; c 18 May 1744 further below  
Francis Watkins [3] c 23 Oct 1747 Clifton Campville; presented at  
Rock) 1764; (at Oxford) 1766  
John Watkins [4] b 30 Mar 1750 [SHAW I 398]; c 11 Apr 1750 Clifton Campville;  
further below  
Ann Watkins c 10 Dec 1752 Clifton Campville; m 19 Oct 1780 Clifton Campville:  
(as his 1st wife) William Theophilus Gresley of Tamworth, Staffs surgeon; (but  
had no chn); i 26 Oct 1781 Clifton Campville

### **Charles Watkins LATER Meysey of Shakenhurst in Bayton, Worcs 1742-1774**

b 20 Mar 1741.2; c 24 Mar 1741.2 Clifton Campville  
m (his cousin) Anna Maria Meysey dau of Thomas Meysey clerk; Will (PCC) 17 Nov 1777  
d 1774; (at Oxford) 1761  
(as nephew and heir, lord of Shakenhurst in Bayton, Worcs, and assumed name Meysey )  
1764  
chn: Anna Maria Meysey [heir] c 5 Jun 1770 Bayton below

### **Anna Maria Meysey 1770-**

c 5 Jun 1770 Bayton  
m 1795 Edmund Wigley .....-a1825  
chn: .[son]. Wigley  
Charles Meysey Meysey Wigley  
Anna Maria Wigley  
Caroline Wigley  
Mary Charlotte Wigley

*[Shakenhurst] From Francis [Meysey] the manor passed to his son John, who was dealing with it in 1706 (fn. 42) and died in 1730. (fn. 43) He was succeeded by his son Francis, who never married, and whose brother the Rev. John Meysey, who succeeded him at his death in 1756, died without issue in 1764. (fn. 44) The manor then passed to their nephew Charles Watkins, the son of their sister Anne and of the Rev. Richard Watkins. He assumed the name Meysey, and as Charles Watkins Meysey was dealing with the manor in 1764. (fn. 45) He married his cousin Anna Maria Meysey, daughter of his mother's brother the Rev. Thomas Meysey, (fn. 46) and at his death in 1774 (fn. 47) the manor passed to their only child Anna Maria Meysey. (fn. 48) She married in 1795 Edmund Wigley, (fn. 49) who died before 1825, when she, as Anna Maria Meysey Wigley, widow, settled this manor on her younger children Charles Meysey Meysey Wigley, Anna Maria, Caroline and Mary Charlotte. (fn. 50) Charles Meysey Meysey Wigley died in 1830, (fn. 51) and a partition of the Meysey estates*

*was made between his sisters in 1845, their mother having died in 1836. The manors of Shakenhurst and Bayton fell to the share of Mary Charlotte, then wife of Charles Wicksted of Betley Hall (Staffs.). (fn. 52) On her death in 1878 her second son Charles Wigley succeeded to Shakenhurst. (fn. 53) The manor is now in the hands of the trustees of the late Mr. Hugh Gurney, who died in 1913. (fn. 54) [VCH (WORCS) IV 237-41]*

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**Richard Watkins (Rector of Rock, Worcs) 1744-1805**

b 14 May 1744; c 18 May 1744

m 5 Feb 1771.2 Bayton: (his cousin) Ann Malpas dau of Thomas Malpas and Elizabeth Meysey dau of Thomas Meysey clerk; c 14 Oct 1751 Ribbesford, Worcs

d 1 May 1805; Will (PCC) 12 Dec 1805

(aged 18, matriculated at Wadham) 11 Feb 1763

(B.A.) 1766

(lord of Clifton Campville and Hounton, Staffs, and of Houn, Derby,

(Rector, Rock, Worcs) 1770-d

chn: Ann Watkins c 8 Mar 1776.7 Rock

Charles Severn Watkins c 9 May 1783 Rock below

Mary Watkins c 29 Nov 1786 Rock

**Charles Severn Watkins of Clifton Campville, Staffs 1783-1813**

c 9 May 1783 Rock

m Clifton Campville: Sarah Bickerton of Doveridge nr Uttoxeter; b 1787; m .....

Stokes (son of ..... Stokes (Vicar of Doveridge)); d Sep 1823

d 7 Jul 1813; Will (PCC) 27 Oct 1813

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**John Watkins (Rector of Clifton Campville, Staffs) 1750-1833**

b 30 Mar 1750 [SHAW I 398]; c 11 Apr 1750 Clifton Campville

m 5 Nov 1778 Tamworth: Elizabeth Bradgate of Tamworth

d 19 May 1833; Will (PCC) 10 Aug 1833

(aged 18, matriculated at Wadham) 14 Jan 1769

(ordained deacon by Lichfield for Oxford) 6 Jun 1773

(Curate, **Clifton Campville**, Staffs) 23 Aug 1773

- (presented by Richard Watkins)

(ordained priest by Lichfield) 31 Jul 1774

(B.C.L.) 1777

(in holy orders, devisee for life of his nephew, Charles)

(Rector, **Clifton Campville**, Staffs, until resignation) 18 Feb 1777-a1 Jan 1824

- (presented by John Severne)

- (instituted) 18 Feb 1777

chn: Mary Ann Watkins b 22 Jul 1792; c 7 Aug 1792 Clifton Campville

*The estates devolved eventually upon the last surviving sister of Sir Robert, Mary Pye, who died unmarried in 1774, devising them to her first cousin, General Severne, for life, remainder to her first cousin, (once removed,) the Rev Richard Watkins. General Severne inherited on her decease, and died himself in 1787, aged eighty-nine, when the property came to the Watkins's. Charles Watkins, son and heir of the devisee, Richard, died s.p. in 1812, having cut off the entail, and settled the property for life on his uncle, the Rev. John Watkins with remainder to Henry John Pye, esq.. son and heir of the poet laureate On the death of Mr. Watkins, Mr. Pye succeeded accordingly, and is now the representative of the family. (See Burke's Commoners, vol. i. p. 351.)*

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BEDB (1844) PYE

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